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OPINION

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SPORTS

The men's basketball team took revenge against Xavier last night, winning 71-56. Read page 5 for a recap of the game.

League of voters has extensive influence

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There is more to the Manhattan/Riley County League of Women Voters than meets the eye.

The organization, founded nationally in 1920 and organized locally in 1942, is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages active and informed participation in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy, according to its Web site.

The League does not solely place its influence on registering people to vote, though the group expends considerable efforts to do so. It influences public policy and educates through the creation of positions. These positions are established after considerable study, then advocated on the local, state and national level. Locally, the group created a position on mandatory rental inspections and advocated it to the city commission.

"Not that there weren't some; we gave the city credit for that," said Glenda Phillips, the organization's president. "But we just wanted stronger [mandatory inspections]."

Other local issues, which have received attention from the League, include the potential for a mass transit system in Manhattan, the 2010 Census, the downtown redevelopment project and the constant push for educated voting. The League has organized several candidate forums and tries to make information accessible on the Web and through the Manhattan Public Library, Phillips said. The efforts are not going unnoticed on the local level.

"The League of Women Voters provides a valuable service to the community," said James Sherow, a

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SPECIAL SERIES: PART 3 OF 5 Higher power Local church offers ministry for gay community

Editor's Note: This is part three of a five-part series addressing the gay community and its relationship to organized religion. Part three and four focus on a local church that offers a ministry dealing with homosexuality.

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In what looks like a home office, Deb Klutts, the executive pastor of Westview Community Church, sits behind her desk. Around the room are photos of her family, inspirational quotes and knickknacks that hint at a chocolate addiction. Surrounded by three bookshelves, bursting with counseling, wellness and religious texts, she leans forward to discuss the church's view of homosexuality.

"Homosexuality — really we would call that sexual brokenness, particularly from a church's perspective," Klutts said.

She defined the "sexually broken" as people who have been harmed through adverse sexual behaviors, particularly "sexual abuse, rape, molestation, even getting into sexual addiction."

Unique among area churches, Westview Community Church has taken Klutts's views and used it to develop an outreach program for Manhattanites.

PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY

Westview offers a program called "Living Waters" for those who are conflicted about their sexuality. Living Waters is a 20-lesson program for people seeking healing in areas of "sexual and relational brokenness." It is part of a worldwide initiative started by Desert Streams Ministries, which is headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

"It's important for people to go to therapy and do the one-on-one thing," Klutts said. "It still makes it very personal and private and I think that needs to be done too, but when you get into a support recovery group, there is another piece that can be very, very healing."



Andy Comiskey, founder and director of Desert Stream Ministries, was a homosexual at one time but has since authored four books about avoiding homosexual relationships. He is now married with children. Desert Stream Ministries did not respond to an interview request.

Westview held its first local

Living Waters program last year and has scheduled another session to begin in January 2010.

"We are the only one in Kansas that is doing it," Klutts said.

Due to the sensitive issues addressed in the counseling, the specific times and locations are withheld by the church to protect the identities of participants.

Illustration by Hannah Loftus

The program is part of Recovery Ministries offered at Westview. Recovery Ministries offer a variety of programs ranging from a women's support group to pre-engagement and premarital counseling.

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K-State Proud uses old Willie in 2010 logo

By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The winning design of the K-State Proud campaign logo was chosen on Monday.

Sarah Barnes, senior in graphic design, was one of 14 students who created logos for Proud as an assignment in Professional Business Practices class. The logos were posted on Facebook.com and voted on by students during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The logo will be printed on T-shirts for the campaign next semester, and Barnes will receive a \$150 scholarship for her winning design.

Barnes' design is different from past K-State Proud logos because it does not feature the Powercat emblem, but the older design of Willie the Wildcat.

"I wanted to introduce the old Willie because I feel that's where our heritage is from," Barnes said. "I wanted something that said 'I'm proud.'"

As a third-generation K-Stater, Barnes said heritage is important to her. She said, although she was very proud of this university, she had never been involved with the Proud campaign in the past.

Barnes was introduced to Proud when the logo project was brought to her class. The campaign not only inspired her de-



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sign, but also her desire to be more involved in Proud. She already has plans to buy T-shirts for her family and attend the annual Proud basketball game in the spring.

Anna Zeiger, junior in nutritional sciences and co-chair of Proud, said she had never considered using Willie on the logo before and is excited to see how the T-shirts and banners turn out next semester.

"I think it will be a cool new look for the campaign," Zeiger said.

Robert Swift, senior in political science and co-chair of Proud, said the Facebook

voting had many participants and good feedback from students.

"It really exceeded our expectations," Swift said.

K-State Proud has been making an effort this year to make the campaign a stronger, yearlong presence. Proud uses donations given by students during its spring campaign week to provide financial assistance to students in need through two awards, the K-State Proud and the K-State Hero awards.

The K-State Proud Award is given to

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POLICE REPORT

Rape reported

By Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local woman reported a rape Monday morning, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the Riley County Police Department.

The rape occurred sometime between 2 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on Monday in the south-central part of Manhattan, according to the report.

Crosby said the victim was in her early 20s and knew the suspect.

WOMAN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES

A local woman was arrested Monday afternoon on a criminal warrant for previous drug-related charges.

Amanda Dezirae Silva, 29, of 2442 Rebecca Road, was arrested at 1:24 p.m. and charged with three counts of the sale of methamphetamine, two counts of unlawfully arranging sales or purchases of controlled substances using a communication facility and two counts of no Kansas drug tax stamp.

The incidents for the charges occurred on Jan. 9, Jan. 22 and Feb. 4, according to the report.

Bond was set at \$5,000, Crosby said.

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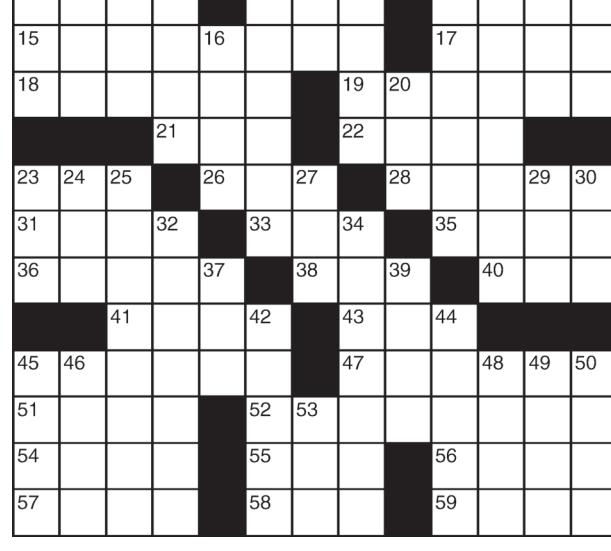
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STREET TALK

Check out Page 4 for an editorial face-off about the gender superiority question.

Q: Who's better: girls or boys?



“ Boys. We are easier going.”



“ Girls, because they can get free stuff all the time and they get into bars because they're a girl.”



“ Girls. They are better at multitasking and they pay more attention to detail than boys.”



“ Boys, because they do not let emotions get in the way of reason.”

Darrin Hurd
Senior, marketing

Morgan Pearn
Freshman, open option

Andy Gustafson
Kansas City resident

Megan Finnerty
Kansas City resident

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Union Program Council and K-State Healthy

Decisions are sponsoring End of Semester Destresser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. The event will feature free coffee and desserts, Adam Pate and 60-second caricatures, and singer/songwriter Griffen Alexander.

The All You Can Eat Holiday Buffet will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Ballroom for \$8.99.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hongwang Wang at 2:30 p.m. today in Chemistry/Biochemistry Building 437. The thesis topic is "I. Studies of NHC-Palladium(IV) Species in C-H bond Activation Process, II. Synthesis of Functionalized Bimagnetic Core/Shell Iron/Iron Oxide Nanoparticles for the Treatment of Cancer."

Lafene Health Center will have two combined vaccine clinics Thursday at Lafene. The clinics will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The H1N1 vaccine is available for all, except pregnant women, and the seasonal flu vaccine will also be available. More

information about cost and forms is available at k-state.edu/lafene/h1n1fluvaccine.htm and k-state.edu/lafene/flushot.htm.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Douglas Wallace at noon Thursday in Waters Hall 224. The thesis topic is "Violent Delinquency in America — The Determinants of Carrying Firearms Among Juveniles: A Theoretical Comparative Analysis."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Satyabrata Das at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Chalmers Hall 36. The thesis topic is "Role of PKC in the Regulation of Lens Gap Junctions."

The All You Can Eat Commencement Buffet will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the K-State Student Union Ballroom for \$17.95. Reserve your table at 532-6068.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Adam Sparks at 11 a.m. Monday in Throckmorton Hall 2002. The thesis topic is "Disease Risk Mapping with Metamodels for Coarse Resolution Predictors."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Candace Walton at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Bluemont Hall

368. The thesis topic is "An Investigation of Academic Dishonesty Among Undergraduates at Kansas State University."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hao Yan at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Cardwell Hall 119. The thesis topic is "Solubility Phase Transition Behavior of Gold Nanoparticles in Colloidal Solution."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ann Sanders at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Justin Hall 254. The thesis topic is "The Goodness of Giving: An Exploration of the Effects of Having a Charitable Orientation on Perceived Wellness."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Anand Mohan at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Call Hall 140. The thesis topic is "Effects of Glycolytic and Mitochondrial Krebs Cycle Intermediates on Myoglobin Redox Forms Stabilization."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie Hall 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Sarah Rajewski at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Read Page 1 to learn about how a local church reaches out to the homosexual community.

Do you think sexual orientation is a choice?

A) Yes B) No

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Monday's results: When do you feel safe on campus?

A) Always: 61% B) Never: 9% C) Only when it is light out: 30%

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Students say benefits of volunteering, donating go beyond surface

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It is better to give than to receive.

Matt Wilson, senior in biology, said he thinks this mantra is just as true now as ever.

"It's definitely a busy time of year for festivities, but it is still important to volunteer and donate because some people need extra help, especially the people who aren't able to afford basic things," said Wilson, who donates to coat drives and other programs.

Though Rachel Rowe is assistant director of Flint Hills Breadbasket, which is primarily known for its mission to alleviate hunger in the community, she also emphasized the importance of giving away un-needed winter wear.

She said there are children in Manhattan who do not have shoes that can be worn in the snow or coats that can keep out the wind. She said this lack of warm clothing affects more than just children's comfort when they are outdoors.

"When you're donating that clothing, you're giving them the confidence to raise their hands in class," Rowe said. "When a kid has low self-esteem, maybe they don't have the coolest shoes, maybe they have holey jeans, maybe they're still wearing short-sleeve shirts in the winter time."

"You don't want to bring attention to yourself when you're in that situation, so just by donating, it creates such an impact on the child's life – more than a person could really even imagine. It's not just putting a Band-Aid on the issue – you're giving a child confidence. You're giving a child

a chance to break the cycle just by giving away something you didn't need anyway."

In addition to winter wear donations, there are many other ways to give back and volunteer this Christmas season. Wilson said he has enjoyed volunteering by tutoring elementary school kids through KSU Foundation, and also by cooking and delivering food to young mothers through Ichthus, a campus ministry.

Karin Ryan, psychology intern for University Counseling Services, said volunteering and donating provide benefits for both the person receiving and the person giving assistance.

"It can release boredom by giving you something to do, but not only is it something to do – it's something that can make you feel good about yourself," Ryan said. "It can really enhance your self-esteem and your sense of self, especially if you're doing something that matches your values. It gives people a sense of meaning, a sense of purpose."

Specifically for college students, Rowe said, depending on what the volunteers are studying, the volunteer work can actually be beneficial to them in the academic and professional realms.

Wilson said he has experienced this phenomenon – getting the experience he needs as a byproduct of giving to others.

"I want to live a life of service," he said. "That's actually why I chose what I'm going into for a career – I want to be a doctor. Helping people on a regular basis gives me the right mindset of, 'It's not all about you.' It teaches you to put others first."



Matt Wilson, senior in biology, and **Jessa Schwartz**, 4, decorate sugar cookies at the Wildcat Ministries and Student Center on the corner of Denison and Anderson avenues. Wilson volunteers through KSU Foundation and Ichthus, a campus ministry group.

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Battle of the sexes

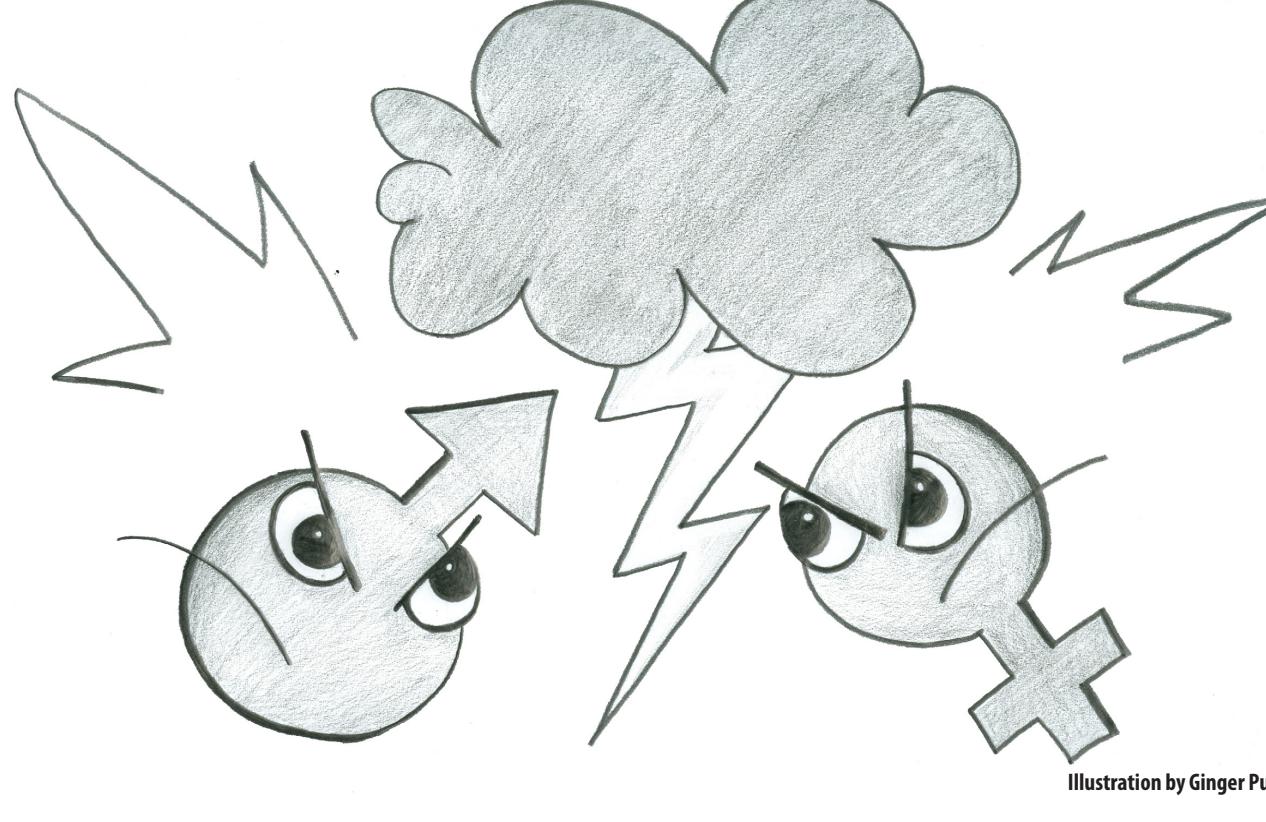


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Male superiority evident throughout human history

Half of the world's population simply contributes less to society. No, I am not speaking of Democrats, not this time. Instead, I speak of a major Democrat constituency: girls.

Don't believe me? Look at the major scientific contributions throughout history: Galileo – man, Einstein – man, da Vinci – man. Religion? Abraham, Jesus and Mohammed were all guys.

Not only do men dominate the sciences, they are the primary breadwinners. The world's richest 10 people are all guys. Every single one. You have to get to the Waltons to find a rich woman. If you take out the Waltons, then the only woman in the top 20 is a French heiress.

Look at the business world: only 15 Fortune 500 corporations are led by women. When women do get jobs, they are paid less for the exact same work. The 2008 Labor Department statistics show the median wages of women is 79.9 percent that of men.

The United States still hasn't elected a woman to the presidency, and it isn't for lack of trying by the women of the land. Just this election, not one but two women lost bids for the White House.

Hillary Clinton managed to gain a persona of a strong woman, and Sarah Palin became an airhead. Therefore, because they were women, they lost.

I know what you all will be saying. "But men have only been doing better than women because they set up society that way. This is all socializing women to be subservient!" You know what, you might be right.

If you are right it shows the men of yore were very smart people. Cavemen managed to use the fact that they were stronger than cavewomen to convince even their ancestors that men are the authority and women the subjects.

It is commonly known women, on average, live longer than men. They also live much less exciting lives. Men's sports dominate women's sports in

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MALE

viewership. Compare the NBA to the WNBA, and you will have proof positive that sporting fans would rather watch guys duke it out.

Men are more likely to experience extreme sports as well, though I've known both genders to seek thrills there.

As a side note, skiing moguls, taking on half-pipes and getting air time on jumps is fun, and I strongly recommend it.

With a body worn down from horsing around, making scientific discoveries and earning huge paychecks, it is no wonder men die first and live happier lives.

According to several surveys cited in a 2007 New York Times article, men report being happier than women. In fact, women have been reporting declining happiness since the 1970s. And the 1970s were hardly a picnic for anyone.

I have some theories behind this happiness differential. What do men do in their spare time? Men like watching sports and drinking beer, fishing and drinking beer and playing poker and drinking beer. Women don't like these simple pleasures in life. In North America, beer sales to women amount to only 25 percent of the total. They have not yet learned the truth of the famous Benjamin Franklin quote, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

So let's review the evidence. Men have been responsible for much of recorded history, as well as the scientific advances that pulled us out of the caves. They have led the great nations and corporations of the world, and in doing so have racked up amazing sums of money. Women have sat on the sidelines of history. While men have been living shorter lives than women, those lives have been much cooler.

If not one of the preceding arguments was satisfactory for you all, remember this: Men can pee standing up.

Frank Male likes many women, loves one in particular and drinks beer while trying to live life to the fullest. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

School should be canceled for safety

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Despite the fact many Manhattan area schools were closed today, K-State students still braved the weather to attend class or risked losing points or important finals reviews if they skipped. We think that K-State should cancel classes when other local schools deem it too dangerous to force families to bring their children to school.

While it is true many students live on or near

campus and have the option to walk to school, many students do not, even if they live in Manhattan. Also, some students and many K-State faculty and staff have children who attend school in Manhattan or who use K-State's childcare facility.

The K-State Child Development Center was closed today, so teachers who use the center had to make emergency plans for their children to stay at home with a babysitter, cancel classes so they could stay at home or bring their children with them to work.

One member of the Collegian editorial board had a teacher end class early so she could get back to her children, who were spending the day in her office since she could not find a babysitter.

Although academics are important and classes should not be canceled without good reason, K-State administrators should keep in mind the more widespread effects of holding classes in inclement weather instead of focusing only on the fact that students who live on campus can still walk to class.

Females outclass males with biology, survivor skills

The biggest impediment to human peace and security is probably a lot smaller than you think. Penises, which dangle helplessly between the legs of half the human population, are the bane of the human race.

Arguments about the superiority of men, showcased to my left, are universally based on essentialist notions of femininity. Rooted in stereotypes and assumptions about what it is to be a woman, they end up criticizing forced gender categories created by men.

We only spend hours with makeup, waxing and wardrobe because you refuse to date us if we don't. A survey of the relevant objective facts, however, reveals that women as a biological category are unequivocally superior to men.

The most objective standards for success as a living being are survival, peaceful coexistence and reproduction. In other words, whichever sex protects and creates the most life is better at life. Any other standard is arbitrary – if there is one thing we can agree about, it is life is good.

Women are better at staying alive. According to the New England Centenarian Study, 85 percent of people older than 100 are women. Globally, women live an average of five to 10 years longer than men. Far from anomalous, women have a longer life expectancy across all cultures and times. There are only two possible explanations. Either women have superior genes for longevity, a theory supported by findings published in this month's scientific journal Human Reproduction, or they are superior decision makers in terms of risk assessment. Either way, women are better human beings.

Females are also superior social creatures. Empirically, they commit less violence against others. Only 10 percent of homicides in the last

BETH
MENDENHALL

30 years were committed by women. Men are the driving force behind militarism – just look at the demographics in the Department of Defense. Women leaders are less likely to declare war and more likely to cooperate. Men created the machine gun, the Nazi death chambers and the atomic bomb.

Men killed Jesus.

It's obvious women empirically take care of their own lives, and protect the lives of others, better than men do. But they are also primarily responsible for the continuation of life. Women donate nine months of their lives, including substantial nutrients and energy, to creating new human beings.

After birth, they are more likely to nourish and protect young children than men are. New scientific discoveries seem to indicate creating sperm, perhaps through embryonic stem cells harvested from bone marrow, is easier than creating eggs. In other words, what women add to the reproduction equation is more individual and important than what men add.

Look – proving women are superior to men is simple. Male's red herrings miss the point, and only reaffirm the eminence of the vagina. Gender categories fluctuate through space, time and culture, but biology is forever. The violence, militarism and anthropogenic destruction that characterize the status quo are all results of men's forced leadership in recent human history. The facts are clear – women are better at life because they live longer, can peacefully coexist and are almost solely responsible for the continuation of the human species.

If you want to look locally, here's some reasons why K-State women are better than K-State men: We dress better, smell nicer, get better grades, are more tolerant of difference, and frankly, we write better Collegian articles.

Beth Mendenhall considers herself a feminist, and would like you to know that she does indeed have a super hot boyfriend. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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I just had my first and probably only interaction with Beth Mendenhall, and it was about leprechaun genitalia.

I don't like time traveling. You lose too much time that way.

I just saw a fat eskiho.

You wouldn't make everyone else take a test on Christmas, so why do I have to take a test on Hanukkah?

Dear Kansas, keep your jeans and Kansas City Chiefs jackets off the slopes in Colorado this winter break.

I would like to inform the man who was driving his pickup by Goodnow Hall that in fact the light does not work, so I could not have pushed it. Thanks for calling me a D-bag.



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BCS should use better judgement

The Bowl Championship Series rankings are the only thing to determine a football team's fate during the season. This year, it is no surprise some teams were left out.

The selections for the BCS this year are pretty self-explanatory. The top-10 teams made it to the big games in January with Alabama vs. Texas marking what might be the biggest showdown on the schedule.

It's easy to say the top-25 teams have the best shot of making a bowl game. Even teams who are not ranked in the top-25 but won their conference have a good.

However, while I was looking at the rundown of each game this winter, I was surprised to see some teams make it on to the chart. Yes, I realize some bowl sites have different conference teams matching up against each other. This rule needs to be changed. Different conference matchups should not play a part in determining what teams play the extra game on their schedule. Who cares if the team has to travel halfway across the country? They are at least getting the opportunity to play in a bowl game.

Teams like Wyoming, Texas A&M, Iowa State and Army all made it to a bowl game, unlike K-State. Also, several teams finished with a 7-5 record, but a worse conference record than the Wildcats.

Regular season schedules do occasionally play a big part in determining a team's voyage, but Iowa State did not do as well as K-State, and Texas A&M finished with an even record.

The only advantage Texas A&M has over K-State is a win against Texas Tech. The Aggies had an easy road to victory because Texas Tech coach Mike Leach decided to bench Steven Sheffield, who had lit up K-State for seven touchdowns.

I think the game would have turned out differently if Sheffield had taken the field. Texas Tech decided to start first-string quarterback Taylor Potts, who threw two interceptions. Then Leach put in another no-name quarterback, Seth Doege.

Iowa State held the score close in its matchup against the Wildcats, but still lost. The Cyclones did beat Nebraska by only two points, but only beat Colorado by a touchdown and have a win against Baylor, a team any Big 12 team could have beaten.

Many teams that made it to an extra game had a losing conference record. K-State, on the other hand, had an even conference record and was not even considered for a low level game.

My point is the BCS has always been criticized for its ridiculous decisions of teams on the path to bowl games. Some teams make it because the voters want to give viewers the opportunity to see a good matchup even if one of the teams had a bad record. K-State deserves as much of a chance at a bowl game as Texas A&M and Iowa State.

If the BCS does not change its process for picking teams to play the best game on their schedule, people will have to deal with seeing bad decision making by the voters. Oh well, at least Texas Christian University and Boise State got a step closer than last year by cracking the top-10.

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PLAYER OF THE GAME

Curtis Kelly scored 15 points and had 9 rebounds

Pullen gets revenge, Wildcats take down Musketeers

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Scoring a team-high 16 points, Jacob Pullen finally got the revenge he was looking for, albeit in a tough defensive game that was not always pretty.

"We got a win," the junior guard said. "It could have been prettier. You take what you can get, but it still feels better than losing."

Despite poor weather conditions outside, a charged-up crowd of mostly students gave Bramlage Coliseum a home-court advantage that propelled the team to a 71-56 win. After the victory, the team walked a lap around Bramlage, high-fiving fans and personally thanking them for braving the weather and attending the game.

"It's a blizzard out there," Pullen said. "I wouldn't have come to the game if I wasn't playing, but they came out. It gave us a good home-court advantage."

Head coach Frank Martin was also appreciative of his fans.

"I fully expected us to come out here tonight and have two or three thousand people," he said. "That's why K-Stater's are the best. I've been to some arenas where there'd be a lot of empty seats around the country."

The Wildcats were led by Pullen and junior forward Curtis Kelly, who scored 16 and 15 points, respectively. Kelly ended up one rebound shy of a double-double.

Jordan Crawford and Brad Redford led the Musketeers with 16 points each, with Redford going four of five from beyond the arc.

The Wildcats led for the entire second half, despite poor free-throw shooting and many foul calls on both teams. Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels was especially bad, shooting one for 10 on free throws in the game. Toward the end, the Musketeers cut into the Wildcats' 15-point lead, but never got closer than 10.

"It's embarrassing," Samuels said about his free-throw shooting. "I'm going to get a call from my

Fast break

MEN'S BASKETBALL

56 X 71

STAT OF THE GAME

The Wildcats made 57.5 percent of their free-throws, hitting 23 of 40.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
K-State junior guard Jacob Pullen leaves Xavier guard Terrell Holloway on the floor after a fast break down court during the Wildcats' win over the Musketeers.

mom, telling me I missed nine free throws. I'm just disappointed in myself. I could have scored 20 points tonight."

The opening portion of the game was as cold as the weather outside, with Xavier opening up just a 7-6 lead on the Wildcats by the 11-minute mark. Both teams were shooting 30 percent or lower from the field, with turnovers and bad shots the theme for both teams. The Wildcats took their first lead of the game moments later, with a shot from Kelly.

From there, the lead went back and forth before both teams went cold again, this time with K-State leading 23-18. The last two minutes of the half were filled with calls by the referees that did not sit well with Martin or the many fans in attendance.

Despite this and low scoring from Pullen and senior guard Denis Clem-

ente – just two points between them – the Wildcats ended the half on a 12-2 run to lead 30-20 at the break.

"Last year, there was a lot more pressure on us to perform," Pullen said of the K-State starting backcourt. "Denis didn't take a lot of shots tonight, and he felt like he didn't need to. So it shows more trust in our teammates. Whoever gets the hot hand, that's who we ride until the end of the game."

The Wildcats opened the second half with back-to-back baskets from junior forward Dominique Sutton. However, the referees called three fouls on the Wildcats in the first minute of action. By the 14-minute mark, the Musketeers were in the bonus.

Midway through the second half, the Wildcats switched to a zone defense that continued to keep the Musketeers off the score-

board, while not allowing them to pick up as many foul calls.

Whenever the Musketeers looked to make a run, the Wildcats would answer with a big shot to keep the lead near 15 points. The main thing hampering K-State in the half was foul trouble, with freshmen forwards Wally Judge and Jordan Henriquez-Roberts both on the bench with four fouls midway through the period. Pullen scored 14 points in the second half to lead the team in scoring, all while knocking down eight of 12 free throws.

Notes: This was Xavier's first true road game of the season, with the team's two other losses coming on a neutral court at the Old Spice Classic. The win against Xavier makes the Wildcats 31-1 in December home games dating back to the '02-'03 season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOODS' MOTHER-IN-LAW RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

For the second time in two weeks, the family of Tiger Woods has been involved in an incident that involved a trip to Health Central Hospital. This time, however, the patient was not Woods himself, but his mother-in-law.

A 911 call was made from Woods' home early Tuesday, in which a panicked woman told the dispatcher that her mother, Barbro Holmberg, had collapsed. It has yet to be determined who the woman was who made the call – Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, has a twin sister, but it is currently unclear who else was at the house.

Holmberg, who lives in Sweden and had only arrived in the U.S. a few days earlier, was rushed by ambulance to the hospital Tuesday morning and was released about 11 hours after being admitted. She then returned to Woods' home.

Woods and his family have been receiving extra attention from the media since a Nov. 27 incident in which Woods hit a fire hydrant with his car and was cited for careless driving. Woods later publicly accepted responsibility for the incident, saying there had been "extramarital transgressions."



Woods

MISSISSIPPI COACH NOT LOOKING AT KU

Mississippi head football coach Houston Nutt has dispelled rumors he will pursue the head coaching job formerly held by Mark Mangino at Kansas. Nutt issued the statement Tuesday after several media reports said he was interested in the position.

Nutt has led the Rebels to a combined 17-8 record in two seasons thanks in large part to quarterback Jevan Snead, a transfer from Texas and preseason Heisman Trophy candidate. The Rebels, who finished the 2009 regular season at 8-4, will take on No. 21 Oklahoma State on Jan. 2 in the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic.

Nutt is one of several current head coaches whose name has been linked to the vacancy at KU since Mangino resigned last week. Other notable names are Buffalo's Turner Gill, who met with Jayhawk officials earlier this week, Connecticut's Randy Edsall, who worked with KU Athletic Director Lew Perkins during Perkins' time at UConn, and Texas A&M offensive coordinator Nolan Cromwell, who starred at the quarterback position for the Jayhawks from 1973-75.



Nutt

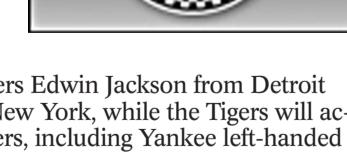
GRANDERSON TO YANKEES IN THREE-TEAM DEAL

After things remained relatively quiet on Monday during Major League Baseball's annual Winter Meetings, a three-team trade involving the New York Yankees, Arizona Diamondbacks and Detroit Tigers made some noise Tuesday in Indianapolis.

The deal sends the Tigers' star outfielder Curtis Granderson to the Yankees, who captured the 2009 World Series. The Diamondbacks will receive right-handed pitchers Edwin Jackson from Detroit and Ian Kennedy from New York, while the Tigers will acquire a total of four players, including Yankee left-handed pitcher Phil Coke.

Granderson enjoyed a solid 2009 campaign with the Tigers. In 160 games last season, he hit .249, including 30 home runs, 71 runs batted in and 20 stolen bases. He is earning \$3.5 million in 2009, but that number is set to increase to \$5.5 million next season.

The Yankees have reportedly been interested in bringing Granderson to New York for a while, as members of the organization believe he would be a good defensive addition to its aging lineup.



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

THURMAN'S BREAKUP WITH BOSSON NOW OFFICIAL

Sources confirmed actress Uma Thurman ended her relationship with fiancé Arpad "Arki" Busson, according to *People.com*.



Thurman

Thurman broke up with Busson on Nov. 15, according to the Web site, but the two "remain friends."

The couple had been dating since summer 2007 and became engaged one year later, according to *People.com*. Busson proposed with a diamond ring weighing more than 8 carats, which, Thurman will probably return because "she wants to return everything that is his," according to the Web site.

According to *People.com*, distance could have been a major factor in why the relationship ended. Thurman said in September she had no intentions to plan a wedding in the near future was "happily engaged" but she could not move because she wanted her children, a son and a daughter from her previous marriage with Ethan Hawke, to remain close to where Hawke lives.

According to the Web site, Busson is "beside himself" that the two could not make the relationship work.

TORI AND CANDY SPELLING RECONCILE FROM MULTI-YEAR FEUD

Dean McDermott, husband of Tori Spelling, said his wife and her mother Candy Spelling have decided to stop their years of fighting and estrangement for the sake of Tori's children, according to *People.com*.



Spelling

McDermott said the two women "have been in communication" and "Candy has seen the kids, which is what this is all about," according to the Web site.

Tori has two children, Liam, 2, and Stella, 1, according to *People.com*.

Earlier in the year, Candy published a letter to Tori after the season finale of Tori's reality TV show "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood" showed Tori struggling to decide whether she should invite her mother to her daughter Stella's first birthday party. In the show, Candy did not come to the party, according to *People.com*, and in the letter Candy accused Tori of using her children as "reality show props."

According to the Web site, Tori and her mother have been fighting since Tori's father Aaron Spelling died two years ago. In her book, Tori explained she and her mother "simply never meshed."

-People.com

STAMOS' EXTORTIONISTS CAUGHT BY FBI

John Stamos, who first became famous for his role on "Full House," said Tuesday he was blackmailed for \$680,000 by two people who threatened to sell pictures to tabloids, according to *People.com*.



Stamos

Stamos claimed the pictures are of him simply "posing with fans," according to the Web site.

Stamos reported the extortion attempt, and the FBI caught the man and woman in a Michigan airport by using an undercover agent who acted like a representative of Stamos, according to *People.com*.

The two suspects are Allison Coss and Scott Sippola, according to the Web site, and when the FBI searched their home, they found "three photos of Stamos, a piece of paper with Stamos' personal cell phone number on it, and a list of three tabloid magazines with contact numbers for each."

Stamos' representative said "at the conclusion of the investigation and hearing, the photos will be available and the public will be able to see that the photos are simply John posing with fans," according to *People.com*.

-People.com

-Compiled by Elena Buckner

Rockin'



COLLEGE FILE PHOTOS

Andrew Barnes, senior in architecture and guitarist for the band Eventide, plays at the OPUS Battle of the Bands competition on Sept. 18.

Tonight's Open Mic Night Schedule

8:00	Newell Bowman
8:20	Cap Gun Murder
8:40	Randall Wade Goble
9:00	Josh Collinsworth
9:20	The New Northwest
9:40	Laura Wetzel
10:00	Eventide
10:20	Chase Horseman
10:40	The Low End
11:00	Sabertooth Tigrey
11:20	Aaron Mitchell
11:40	Finalists announced

Musicians prepare to compete in semifinals at Kathouse's Open Mic Night competition

Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Horseman, Cap Gun Murder, Laura Wetzel, Eventide and more.

Newell Bowman, sophomore in women's studies, is slated to be the first performer at 8 p.m. and said she is not afraid to admit she is nervous. Bowman played the viola for years but has only been playing guitar for about a year. Still, she said, she feels confident about the songs she has written recently and looks forward to sharing them with others.

Andrew Barnes, senior in architecture and electric guitar player in the band Eventide, said he and his bandmates were excited about tonight's performance and the band had wanted to play at the Kathouse before the Open Mic opportunity came up.

Barnes said Eventide won at the K-State OPUS competition earlier this year and that band members hoped to win this contest because the recording time would be helpful for some of their new songs. He also said that, regardless of if they win or not, it would be a great way to relax from studying for finals.

McGinn agreed with Barnes and said he had some reservations about scheduling the contest to run through dead week and finals week, but realized this would provide an opportunity for students to take a break.

"Come out for a good time during dead week and finals week," McGinn said.

The Kathouse Lounge Open Mic semifinals will run tonight from 8 to about

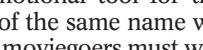


Nick Istan, accordionist and drummer for The Low End, plays for the 15 minutes allowed for the local band's jam session at the OPUS Battle of the Bands competition Sept. 18.

11:40. There is a \$2 cover charge to help pay for the prize pool, and the show is open to people 18 and older. The finals will be next Wednesday at 8 p.m.

New movie-based video game fails to satisfy

"Avatar"



Game review by Corene Brisendine

As a promotional tool for the movie "Avatar," a game of the same name was released last week. While moviegoers must wait until Dec. 18 to understand the plot and mission of the humans and their new enemies, the Na'vi, those who picked up the video game got a head start.

According to the movie trailers, the humans come to the Na'vi's planet to mine a rare mineral. Na'vi are the race of creatures living on the planet and are primitive, humanlike creatures. A war for mineral rights and the right to live on the planet ensues.

While the graphics for the game are better than most, the plot left it less than attractive. If all a gamer wants to accomplish is killing the enemy, whether that enemy is the humans or the Na'vi, this game's focus is perfect.

The texturing of the characters and world created in "Avatar: The Game" is stunning, and has a more 3-D experience than most games on the shelf. Visually, this game is one of the best created. Unfortunately, the developers spent more time on how it looks than they did on creating an exciting plot.

The plot is confusing at best, but more often it is simply nonexistent. The game gives the player several options to achieve a number of goals and the freedom to explore the large Na'vi world, but the lack of story line leaves the game without any depth beyond killing.

The first thing a player must decide is whether to be human and continue the human campaign to find the mineral and destroy the Na'vi or to fight for the Na'vi's right to live on their world. Since no one has seen the movie, the only hints as to who is or is evil come from looking at the weapons of each race.

Humans receive typical American firearms — rifles, machine guns, etc. — while the Na'vi must



use primitive fighting weapons like bows and arrows, spears and edged weapons. If a player wants firepower, stick with humans, but if a player prefers a challenge, pick the Na'vi and embrace your primitive side.

Leveling characters differs from other games in that, along with skills, each character receives new weapons after a kill. The variety of weapons to choose from grows to be enormous as levels increase, but the third-person view limits the ability to snipe enemies. This game stresses hand-to-hand combat techniques, which is great for hack-and-slash but falls flat for those who enjoy the art of killing enemies without detection.

The vehicles available are diverse as well, with options for land, sea and air crafts to control. Players can pick from all-terrain vehicles, speedboat-like crafts or helicopter-like aircrafts.

However, a few glitches in the control of the vehicles make land-based driving frustrating because when one drives over a small rock or tries to drive down what appears to be a small hill, the vehicle flips over.

Finally, there is no multiplayer mode without online access, creating a somewhat solitary gaming experience.

If a player wants to see new 3-D graphics and lots of hand-to-hand combat with little plot or depth for fast-paced killing sprees, this game does it. It is available for Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii, PlayStation Portable, Nintendo DS and personal computer.

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Dean Bosco considers K-State 'a little slice of heaven'

Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A handwritten letter helped bring Pat Bosco to K-State.

After completing his community college education from Onondaga Community College in New York in May 1969, Bosco began searching for a place to finish his degree. He was looking for a student-oriented university, a residential school and a university where student government was a "big deal."

To achieve this goal, Bosco, dean of students and vice president of student life, wrote letters to people he had met during his time in student government national politics as president of the New York State Community College Student Governing Association, which included each of New York's 32 community colleges. The responses were impersonal or never arrived. But one school reached out to him.

"My correspondence from K-State started off with 'Dear Pat' and answered all of my questions, and once I visited the campus, it was over," he said. "I knew that I had found a little slice of heaven."

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Bosco quickly ascended through the Student Governing Association's ranks. He was elected student body president in March 1970, after arriving in August 1969. Almost 40 years later, Bosco recognizes how fortunate he was.

"K-Staters are just so accepting; they are willing to listen and give someone like me a chance," he said. "I'll never forget that. That's one of the reasons I like giving back to our environment and our school."

Another chance arrived following his graduation in May 1971. Chester Peters, a long-time vice president of student affairs, offered Bosco an opportunity to serve as a graduate assistant in the Division of Student Life. As the director of student activities, Bosco served as the first adviser to SGA.

Bosco said Peters served as a mentor for him. A directness and transparent style characterized Peters' work and influenced Bosco to this day.

Following in the footsteps of his mentor, Bosco continued his climb through the Division of Student Life. In 1973, he was appointed to assistant dean, later filling other positions until he became the vice president of student life in July 2008, according to his Media Relations biography.

FAMILY VENTURES

All the while, Bosco was able to make his family a priority.

"Our family revolves around this university," he said. "During the time where my children were growing up, even though I had an extremely hectic student life schedule, I never missed a play or ceremony or ball game."

His support has now morphed into collaboration. Bosco's two grown children and recently retired wife now run the Center for Leadership Development, a leadership consulting firm founded by Bosco in 1978, according to Manta.com, a small



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Katherine Crane, sophomore in industrial engineering, receives a high five during her meeting with Dean of Student Life **Pat Bosco** in the K-State Student Union Courtyard last year. **Bosco** was at the Union for an event called "Ask A Dean."

business information Web site. The Center offers leadership consulting for higher education, businesses, government agencies, national leadership groups and community agencies.

"I make myself available to lots of national groups to give what we do at K-State an audience," he said.

LOOKING FORWARD, REFLECTING BACK

During Bosco's 38 years in a number of roles at K-State, considerable changes have occurred within student life programs campus-wide — changes such as the university's enrollment increasing from 19,046 in the spring of 1990 to 23,581 this fall. Along with the increases in numbers came an enrollment management program, which focused on retention and recruitment.

Renovations have also characterized Bosco's tenure in the student life program. Holtz Hall, the K-State Student Union and Jardine Apartments have already seen these changes come to fruition. Expansions to the Peters Recreation Center are expected to be completed in the fall of 2011, according to an Oct. 30 Collegian article.

Similar ideas are included in Bosco's goals, like building a welcome center in East Stadium to combine recruiting efforts and programs and Career and Employ-

ment Services. Additionally, finishing construction of the new K-State Child Development Center, Rec Complex and Jardine Housing Project dot the list of expansions and renovations.

"The list of accomplishments he has is amazing," said Emily Lehning, assistant vice president for student life and director of new student services. "It is a direct result of his passion for K-State. All of the things benefit students."

Maintaining affordability has also been a goal of Bosco's. President Kirk Schulz has played a large role in these efforts.

"He's literally hit the ground running talking about affordability and developing programs where during these incredibly difficult economic times, we will continue to maintain the core, the feel of our university," Bosco said.

With many pending changes, a few constants remain. One is Bosco's advocacy for students.

"I cannot wait to get to work every morning because I get a chance to work with

students that have a tremendous pride and joy in their school both in and outside of the classroom," he said. "We take for granted that everyone wants to be here."

Alex Suñé, graduate student in counseling and student development, said he believes students want to come to K-State because of Bosco's work.

Suñé said one program specifically, the admissions representative program Bosco created, has helped numbers increase, catalyzing students' interest in the university.

"It previously hadn't been a place of choice," he said. "Because of all of the things he has implemented, his diehard mentality; his positive attitude really brings everything full circle to K-State being a destination for students."

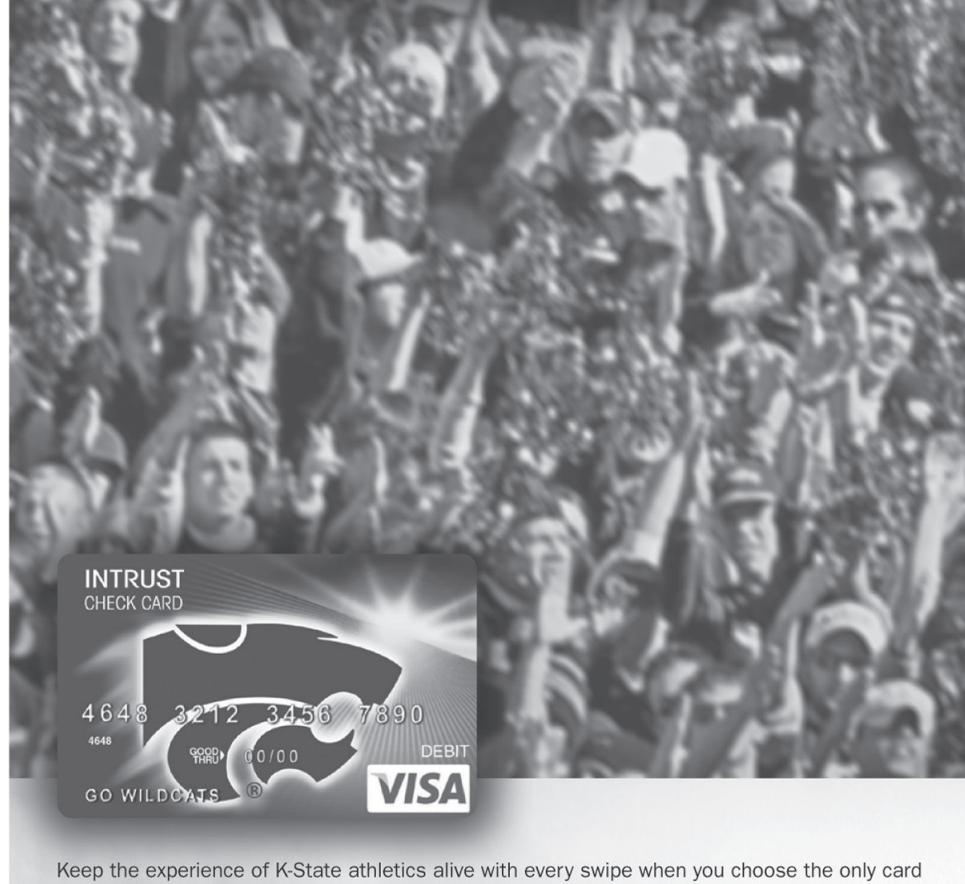
In the end, the same attitudes which appealed to Bosco in 1969 remain today.

"As I walk across the campus, I absolutely am taken aback by the number of students and faculty and staff that wear purple every day," he said. "That doesn't happen on college campuses."



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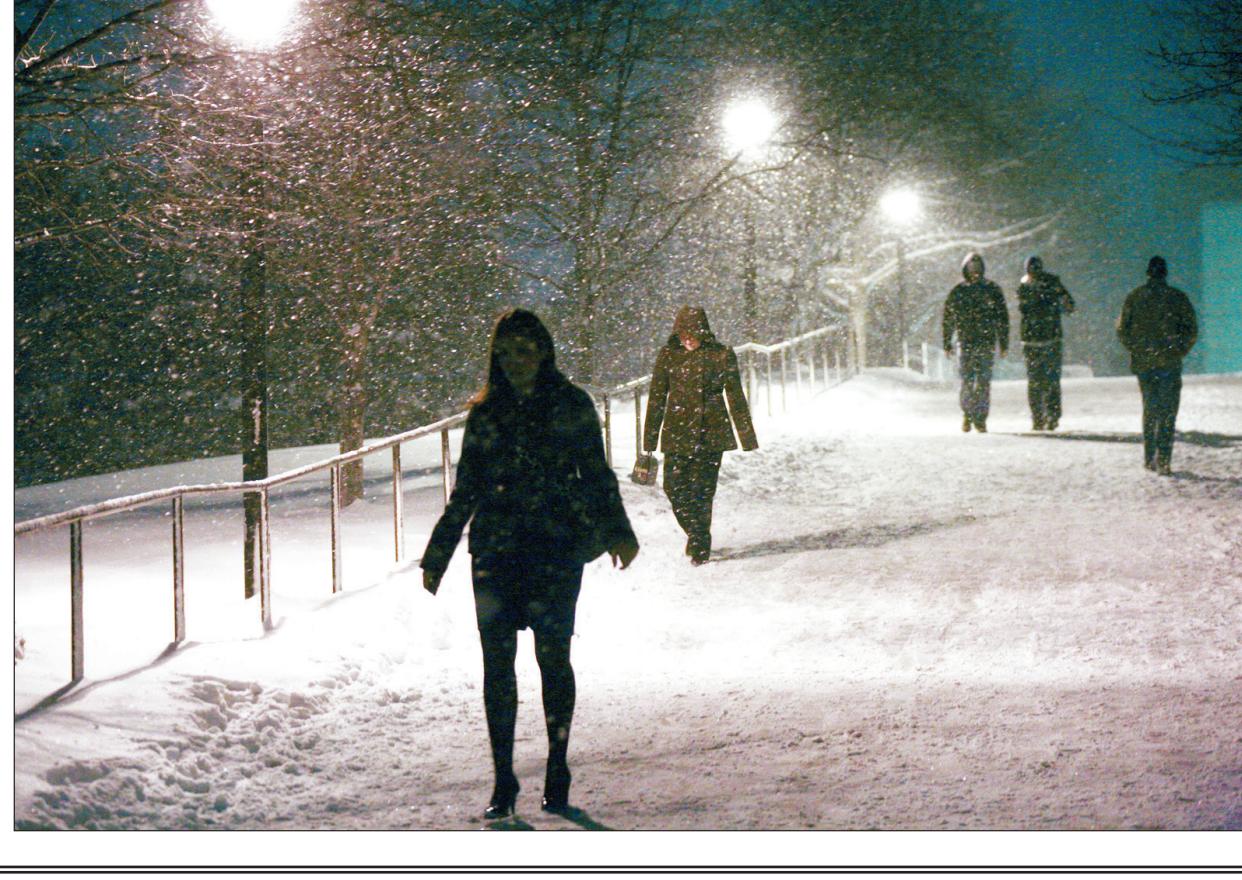
students who are having financial difficulties and have already turned to other sources but still require some extra help. The awards are given on a case-by-case basis and frequently involve students who are already working jobs to support themselves through school, have long commutes to campus or otherwise face obstacles to attending K-State.

The Hero Award is given to students who make extra efforts to improve the K-State or Manhattan community, usually in the form of volunteer work or exceptional leadership skills.

Both awards are purposely vague in requirements to allow more flexibility in selecting recipients.

T-shirts with the new logo will be available to students who donate \$10 or more during K-State Proud Campaign Week, Feb. 22 through Feb. 26. For more information on Proud, or to nominate someone for one of the awards, visit www.K-stateProud.org.

Wintery walk home



Fans walking out of Bramlage Coliseum were met by a thick snowfall after Tuesday's 71-56 win for K-State against Xavier.

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WOMEN | League fights partisan label

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city commissioner and former member of the organization. "I have benefited as a commissioner from the data and reports they have provided. I also appreciate their work in getting people to vote. They, of course, conduct this in a non-partisan matter, which makes their work on getting people to vote and collecting information all the more important."

The group also has observers attend all local government meetings. The observers create reports based on the meeting's activities. The reports are published on the organization's blog. Ensuring accountability and transparency remain priorities in local government are two of the primary reasons for having observers attend meetings and make reports, Phillips said. Kathy Dziewaltowski, the observer for Unified School District 383 and League member, said providing information to those who are interested in knowing the activities of local government but are unable to attend is part of the group's role.

"We provide a service for people who want to know what's going on," she said. "I also think it's important because they don't have a big audience. It's important that these officials know people are watching the process."

Beyond purely local interests, the League has adopted position statements on important state and federal political issues. Bridging the gap between state and national interests, the organization has advocated against the use of coal-fired power plants, Phillips said. Additionally, the group has backed the public option in the ongoing health care debate. Services for the indigent have also been advocated for locally and statewide.

Despite occasionally being considered "left-leaning," the organization is non-partisan Phillips said.

"If we forget that, we need people involved who are going to say don't forget this is another perspective and that really helps us stay balanced," she said.

Balance is also maintained through a vast assortment of members, some of which do not fit into the organization's name.

"We have several men that are members here because they are wonderfully intelligent and help us out with many perspectives," Phillips said. "They really do and we love having them there."

The changing times have resulted in a different mission for the organization.

"Its original intention was to get women out to vote," she said. "The whole voting issue was part of it. But now it's more just an issue of trying to help the areas of the people and the world that are not being helped and making people aware of those areas. And of course for us it's always voting; that's a big part of it."

The organization is currently planning its activities for 2010. Projects such as the census and planning for the state conference, which will be held in Manhattan, are looming on the horizon. As president, Phillips said she has goals of moving the organization off of paper and examining new ways of dispersing information.

Additionally, the group is always looking at adding new members. The organization currently has an active membership of around 100, and there have been discussions of creating a League of Women Voters of the Flint Hills to accommodate interested individuals from nearby counties, Phillips said.

"The League can offer as much if not more than their other organizations because of our non-partisan stance," she said. "We want everyone, not just crazy Democrats or crazy left-wingers."

Until then the work continues.

WESTVIEW | Church looks to avoid therapy

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Jenine Reimer, a former Living Waters small group leader, said the idea to bring the program to Westview was presented to Kluttz by Anita Peterman, a member of the congregation and a former employee of Living Waters. Peterman did not respond to requests for an interview.

Homosexuality is an issue that is clear to the church, Kluttz said, adding that people who are homosexual would not be operating as their "true self, not the way God created them to function."

Dusty Garner, senior in political science, said he believes he functions as he should and is not surprised Manhattan has a local "reparative therapy" counseling program. He is a leader in the local community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and intersex people.

Garner said he routinely hears of churches offering programs to "fix" those born with a same-sex orientation. He said LGBTQI issues are especially tough for young adults who are raised in a conservative or religious area like Kansas.

"I think that when you are young and impressionable, you're raised in your religion generally because that is what your family has practiced," Garner said. "If your family is telling you what you are doing is wrong, then you're left with these deep inner conflicts that make you inherently feel like less of a person."

Organized religion is not the only area of life that can make a member of the LBGTQI community feel inferior. The Kansas state government has also been slow to recognize the community in a political and legal sense.

Updated in July 2009, The National Gay

and Lesbian Task Force lists Kansas as one of the states lacking nondiscrimination laws based on sexual orientation or gender identity. While Kansas does offer hate crime laws, it only protects against sexual orientation, failing to encompass crimes relating to gender identity.

MINISTRY, NOT THERAPY

Westview Church offers the Living Waters program as a ministry and makes it clear no therapy is involved. Being a church, the mission of a ministry is to promote Biblical values versus the scientific and societal values addressed in clinical therapy environments. There are, however, parallels to therapy. The program focuses on dealing with highly charged issues and members are encouraged to process through their past traumas together. While the program is facilitated by members of the church, at least two group leaders hold advanced degrees in the area of marriage and family therapy and social work.

Reimer, who is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed social worker, said she was able to remove her therapist "hat" to work as a small group leader in the program. Reimer said just to be certain, she asked her former clinical supervisor at K-State to look over the program to ensure it was not violating any code of ethics she upholds as a marriage and family therapist.

"I respect people's right to choose what they want, and as a therapist you're really supposed to keep your personal feelings out of that," Reimer said. "I don't go into that program thinking I'm a marriage and family therapist, but I am very cognizant of anything that I do that it would reflect on me and my profession."

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Printing on demand provides students fast access to course materials

By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Getting textbooks for a class can sometimes be troublesome for students, particularly if the store runs out of copies and has to order more. This causes problems for students and faculty alike and can affect the progress of a class.

Jeff Levin knows all too well the problems associated with ordering textbooks for classes. As co-owner of Varney's Bookstore, Levin must go through the process every semester of receiving book lists from K-State faculty, projecting the number of books he needs to order and hoping the order comes in promptly and correctly from distributors. If the number of books falls short, Levin must scramble to get more books in on time for students. If he ends up with too many, he is left with the problem of figuring out what to do with the surplus books. Levin decided to find an easier solution for getting textbooks to students on time and turned to a rapidly growing technology: print on demand.

"We adapt," Levin said. "We embrace technology."

Print on demand, or POD, offers many benefits, Levin said. Textbooks and course

packets could be custom made for classes, printed in a short amount of time and cost considerably less because of the lack of shipping, storage and other fees. Time and money can also be saved because there is no minimum or maximum number of copies necessary. Customers can print off as many copies as they want and, if they discover more are needed, can have additional copies made quickly.

While constructing his fledgling printing business in the back of Varney's Bookstore, Levin came into contact with Doug Able, owner of Able Publishing. Able has been in the printing business for 20 years and was interested in establishing a presence in the Manhattan area. The two merged in January 2009 and Able Printing Company was born.

"It's been a very good partnership," Able said. "They're very forward-thinking, and in the printing industry you have to be forward-thinking because the industry has changed."

Able Printing Company offers services such as printing brochures, letterheads, menus, posters and business cards, but Levin is looking forward to offering more POD services in the spring semester.

If an architecture student, for example,

needed a project printed off, Able Printing Company would be able to do it in full color or black and white with graphics and check copyright clearance online. Because of the ability to store the projects digitally, students can make corrections or changes at any time and print off new copies. The same could be done for textbooks or other literature an instructor uses in class.

Textbooks are not the only POD possibility. Real books that are available in digital form from publishers, or from the public domain, can be printed off and bound.

Books in the public domain can be downloaded for free from places such as Google.com and Project Gutenberg at Gutenberg.org, which is a Web site where people can download more than 30,000 free e-books to read. The circumstances vary from country to country, but in the United States, typically a book is available in the public domain after the author has been dead for 70 years, but it can become available earlier.

Public domain books include works by Lewis Carroll, L. Frank Baum, Jules Verne, Emily Dickinson and thousands more. POD has become a solution for people who need these books for classes or leisure but do not like to read on computer screens. The quality

of these books is comparable to those made by offset printers or lithographic printers. The books can be bound in perfect binding, which is one of the most common types of binding used on paperback books.

"A lot of people still prefer the tactile touch of textbooks versus some online," Levin said.

Jeff Hornsby, professor in management, used Able Printing Company's services recently for some annual reports for the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship. Hornsby said he chose Able Printing Company because of its good reputation for service and the price offered, which he said was very reasonable.

Hornsby said he had used K-State Printing Services in the past, and although he found them to be knowledgeable and helpful, he saw nothing wrong with some competition.

"That's the nature of what entrepreneurs do," Hornsby said. "See if you can do it better than the next guy."

Ed Wilburn, director of Printing Services, also did not see the process having any negative effect on the services offered at K-State.

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Landscape students take talents indoors, deck their own halls

By Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This week, Seaton Hall is home to bleary-eyed students, a pop-can Christmas tree and toilet-paper snow.

The Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects held its annual studio decoration contest last week, with displays still being shown in the three participating landscape studios.

Jon Champlin, senior in landscape architecture and president of SCASLA, said the competition is intended to be fun and get people in the spirit of Christmas.

"It kind of brings studios together, gives people a chance to relax, get their mind off school for a little while," Champlin said.

This year, his studio group won the grand prize pizza party, voted on by departmental professors, with a little toilet paper and white balloons.

"We had toilet paper all over the place, which they made us take down because of fire codes," Champlin said. "We also had white balloons blown up to make snowmen, a Christmas tree, a big, wrapped present and window decorations, and we also wrapped the doors like a Christmas present."

The studio also had paper cutouts of stockings bearing the names of each student, a wrapped door with a wreath and chain links made of festive paper.

Down the hall, another studio continued the holiday theme.

The doors were covered in wrapping paper and addressed to Auntie Mae and Tubby from Santa. Inside, Christmas lights brightened the ceiling over a pop-can Christmas tree made mostly of empty energy drink cans and adorned with an aluminum star and paper



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Sitting under Christmas lights and paper snowflakes in studio 200 in Seaton Hall Zach Kolich, sophomore in landscape architecture, works on his final project to plan the development of Marlatt Park. Several studios groups decorated their classrooms as part of a Christmas decorating competition.

cutouts of gingerbread men and trees. Above one desk hung a string of ghost lights with a sign calling them the "Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future."

Despite bribery attempts with "fudges for judges" and Christmas music, this studio did not win, but Krystal Schuette, senior in landscape architecture, said the contest was still enjoyable.

"It's a lot of fun," Schuette said. "I would have liked to do more, but we didn't have time this year."

The third studio chose a blue-and-white theme, opting for harmony instead of discord. Paper snowflakes filled the hallway outside the room, leading to a blanket of white lights hung from the ceiling, reminiscent of snow falling from the

sky. Garland was draped from the rafters next to snowmen lights and ornaments.

Jared Buffington, senior in landscape architecture, said the studio's unified theme was superior to the confusion of other entries, and suggested the winning studio might have been chosen incorrectly.

"I think we have a better overall Christmas aura, but teachers

are swayed by stuff like food and music when they come in," Buffington said. "There were some people that had cookies to give them. It's a little tainted."

Champlin said this year's event was a success.

"I think it's a good time," Champlin said. "From what I saw and heard when we were decorating, everybody was having a good time."

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